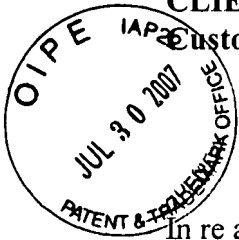


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Filed : September 9, 2003  
For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING CASCADED  
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Art Unit : 2162  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY AND AFFIRMATION OF  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated July 13, 2007 and in furtherance to the telephone conference between Robert D. McCutcheon and the Examining Attorney on June 15, 2007, the Applicant hereby affirms the election to prosecute the invention of Group I, Claims 1, 3-13 and 17-22, in the present application. Applicant confirms the Examiners Amendment canceling, without prejudice, claims 14-16.

SUMMARY

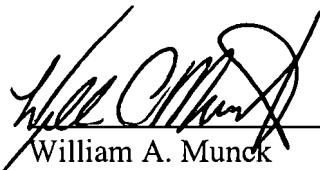
If any issue arises, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting issuance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *wmunck@munckbutrus.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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